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PUBLIC NOTICE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE MANUAL

The Operations and Maintenance manual for <u>East Coast Seafood Marina</u>, P/N# 2005-1W-309-P, is available for review during the normal business hours of 8:30 to 5:00, Monday through Friday at the OCRM Office, 1362 McMillan Ave, Suite 400, Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina.

Contact Bill Eiser, Project Manager, at 843.747.4323 x 120, for further information.

November 4, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69-A HAGOOD AVENUE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29403 and the

S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400 Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N #2005-1W-309-P 28 OCTOBER 2005

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (250 403), Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coatta Zane Management May a Company of the Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

EAST COAST SEAFOOD MARINA c/o JAMES GREEN 2659 CHERRY POINT ROAD WADMALAW ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA 29487

for a permit to construct a marina in

BOHICKET CREEK

at a location along the shoreline at the existing commercial docking facility, located off of Cherry Point Road near Rockville on Wadmalaw Island in Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude 32.60032°, Longitude 80.18888°). MS# 150-00-00-56

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 2005

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of constructing a 6' x 124' walkway leading to a 10' x 10' pierhead with a 4' x 30' gangway leading to a 6' x 278' floating dock. Three 6' x 197' floating docks (A, B and C) will extend perpendicularly from this 278' floating dock as shown on sheets 4, 5 and 6 of 8. Floating dock A will have 7 finger piers and floating docks B and C will have 8 finger piers each also shown on sheets 4, 5 and 6 of 8. The finger piers along these three floating docks will be capable of accommodating approximately 52 boats of various sizes in the resulting slips as shown on sheet 5 of 8. The waterward end of each floating dock section will terminate with a 6' x

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76' "T" that will function as a transient dock for additional boat docking. This proposed facility is an addition to an existing commercial shrimp dock and the new boat slips will be available for rental use by the general public. As required by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Bureau of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, the applicant has updated their Operation and Maintenance Manual to include the proposed addition.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 69-A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403.

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising of red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. However, the proposed worksite is located in view of the Rockville Historic District, a site listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Since the proposed work is an addition to the existing commercial docking facility, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed project will have no effect on the characteristics which qualified the area for inclusion in the National Register. By copy of this notice, the concurrence or views of the State Historic Preservation Officer is being sought in this determination.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329 -8187.

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